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# **GLOUCESTER v. SARACENS**

**KINGSHOLM - GLOUCESTER**

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## GLOUCESTER

(Red and White)

- FULL BACK**  
**15 P. BUTLER (c)**
- THREEQUARTERS**  
**14 R. J. CLEWES** R.W.  
**13 J. BAYLISS (c) (Capt.)** R.C.  
**12 R. JARDINE (c)** L.C.  
**11 J. HORNER (c)** L.W.
- HALF BACKS**  
**10 R. REDWOOD (c)** O.H.  
**9 J. SPALDING (c)** S.H.
- FORWARDS**  
**1 R. COWLING (c)**  
**2 M. NICHOLLS (c)**  
**3 M. A. BURTON (t) (c)**  
**4 J. S. JARRETT (c)**  
**5 A. BRINN (t) (c)**  
**6 J. A. WATKINS (t) (c)**  
**8 M. J. POTTER**  
**7 R. SMITH (c)**

- FIRST XV FIXTURES**
- Sept. 2 Broughton Pk. H 14-4  
 6 Moseley .. H 31-12  
 9 Coventry .. A 6-14  
 13 Abertillery .. H 30-16  
 16 Ebbw Vale .. A 22-14  
 20 British Police H 26-3  
 23 Bristol .. H 9-13  
 30 Bedford .. H 47-13
- Oct. 4 Stroud .. A 35-10  
 7 Newbridge .. H 24-10  
 11 Cheltenham .. H 39-0  
 14 Harlequins .. A 13-0  
 18 S. Wales Police H 19-4  
 21 Newport .. A 9-30  
 28 Clifton .. A P
- Nov. 4 Leicester .. H 13-13  
 11 Moseley .. A 12-29  
 18 Aberavon .. H 27-10  
 25 Lydney .. H 19-18
- Dec. 2 Oxford Univ. A 9-8  
 6 Cardiff .. A P  
 9 Bath .. A P  
 12 S.G. (Counties) H 29-7  
 16 Coventry .. H 18-16  
 23 Saracens .. H  
 26 O.M.T.'s .. H

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 6 Lond. Scottish H  
 13 Army .. H  
 15 Leicester .. A  
 20 Wasps .. A  
 27 Camb. Univ. H
- Feb. 2 Bristol .. A  
 7 St. Luke's Coll H  
 10 Bath .. H  
 17 Swansea .. A  
 21 Loughbr. Coll. H  
 24 Aberavon .. A
- Mar. 3 Northampton H  
 10 Richmond .. A  
 14 Pontypool .. A  
 17 Guy's Hospital H  
 24 Newport .. H  
 28 Newbridge .. A  
 31 Plymouth .. H
- Apr. 7 Cardiff .. H  
 11 Cheltenham .. A  
 14 Exeter .. A  
 19 Lydney .. A  
 21 New Brighton H  
 23 Liverpool .. H  
 28 Penzance .. A  
 30 Camborne .. A

## SARACENS

- FULL BACK**  
**15 P. HEADEY (Capt.)**
- THREEQUARTERS**  
**14 D. STONE** R.W.  
**13 N. HOOK** R.C.  
**12 D. CROYDON** L.C.  
**11 P. CADLE (c)** L.W.
- HALF BACKS**  
**10 D. SAVAGE** O.H.  
**9 F. GRIFFITHS** S.H.
- FORWARDS**  
**1 R. BLOOM (c)**  
**2 J. LOCKWOOD (c)**  
**3 G. PUDNEY (c)**  
**4 J. HEGGADON (c)**  
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## WELCOME TO THE SARACENS ;

The Saracens, history tells us, were originally a nomadic tribe from the Syro-Arabian desert who were closely connected with the Crusades. But there is nothing wild nor nomadic about the present-day well-known rugby club, to whom we extend a very cordial welcome indeed to Kingsholm this afternoon in the festive season.

One might indeed term Saracens new friends, for fixtures with Gloucester are of comparatively recent origin and their last proposed visit to Kingsholm two years ago was cancelled; the weather denied supporters the pleasure of seeing the popular London team in action. Last season, however, Saracens were one of the very few sides to lower Gloucester's colours, for they won by 20 points to 12 in London on Saturday, December 4th, 1971. At least one of our members will have divided loyalties today, for Mr. H. S. (Stan) Thomas, the popular mine host at the Avenue Hotel, who is a Gloucester R.F.C. patron, was a former scrum-half with Saracens. However, Stan, like most of us, will look forward to an enjoyable game this afternoon, irrespective of the result.

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## KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Congratulations are again the order of the day, this time to John Watkins on his selection, so thoroughly deserved, for England against the All Blacks at Twickenham on January 6th. It will, of course, be his first international appearance in this country and we all sincerely hope he strikes the same great form that he has displayed so consistently for the Cherry and Whites. A word of congratulation, too, to Dave Pegler, another former second row stalwart, on his appointment as the new Gloucester match secretary in succession to Roy Long, who is now general secretary.

The quarter-final of the county championship between Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire will be played at Kingsholm on Saturday, January 13th, and Stand tickets, at 60p, will shortly be available. Applications should be made to Roy Long, at 75, Merevale Road, Gloucester, enclosing remittance and stamped addressed envelope.

The next match at Kingsholm is on Boxing Day, of course, when the ever popular Old Merchant Taylors pay their annual visit, (kick-off 3.15 p.m.). But supporters are reminded once again that the match with Bridgend, originally arranged for next Saturday, will now be played at Kingsholm next Monday week, New Year's Day, with the usual 7 p.m. kick-off.

In conclusion the Gloucester R.F.C. President, officials, committeemen and players wish you all a very happy Christmas.

ARTHUR RUSSELL

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**Mr. C. A. Druce, 26 St. Michael's Square, Gloucester, who won £5.**

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